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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

'CROWEATER' BLIND APPEAL.

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Blind people need - and must get - every support the community can give to enable them to lead full productive lives, The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, said today.

He was officially launching the Royal Institution for the Blind's 'Croweater' appeal.

The appeal is to raise \$350,000 from South Australians towards the cost of the projected \$1,500,000 centre for the blind at Gilles Plains.

Blind - and other handicapped people - have special rights in the Community The Premier,

'They have a right to expect that Governments and the Community generally will support them in their task of rehabilitating themselves.

'This is not charity. It is a fundamental responsibility.

'Some ten people are blinded in South Australia every month.

'We must give them all the help we can to lead productive community and working lives' Mr. Dunstan said.

The 'Croweater Centre' will provide a complete range of sophisticated aids for the blind.

It will provide the most up-to-date rehabilitation, recreation and welfare facilities.

So far the Institution, the State and Commonwealth Governments had provided more than \$1,000,000 towards the appeal.

The appeal was the first major fund raising effort the Institution had conducted for more than 40 years.

'It is a lively, imaginative appeal in a cause which demands the support of every South Australian, Mr. Dunstan said.